

Media consolidation by large corporations is a very serious issue and Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a perfect example of why this is an issue. Media corporations should not force their political agendas on the public.

As I understand, Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. However, when large companies like Sinclair have control the airwaves what our community receives is programming that is designed to increase corporate profitability and not what is in the best interest of the community. We don't need programming produced by their corporate headquarters telling us what to think or how to maximize their shareholder value. What we need is programming that features real people from our own community and more actual news about the issues that matter to us.

Sinclair's decisions are a clear example of why we need to strengthen media regulation. Thank you for your time.